

# Cancellation, Rescheduling or Refusal of Television Programs

## FCC Consumer Facts

### Background

The Federal Communications Commission (FCC) does not control a broadcast station's programming schedule. The FCC approves licenses for individual broadcast stations and regulates some aspects of a station's operations, but under the Communications Act, the FCC cannot direct a station in selecting and scheduling its programs.

### Scheduling Programs

A broadcaster is expected to be aware of the problems and needs of the communities it serves, and to present programs that address these local issues. The station does not have to air everything that is made available to it by networks and other program suppliers.

### Complaints and Concerns

All concerns and/or comments about a specific broadcast should be directed, in writing, to the local station and network involved, so that the people responsible for making the programming decisions can become better informed about audience opinion and reactions.

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